Rishikesh are closed since October, 1996, except for some limited production of formulations.

(b) IDPL, Rishikesh is one of the units of IDPL, which is a sick company referred to the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR).

(c) The losses for the last two years of IDPL, Rishikesh are as under:

Rs. Crores

1998-1999	75.13
1999-2000	83.70 (Provisional)

(d)The future of the company would be determined by the proceedings and final decision of the BIFR.

Replacement cost of IPCL assets

3424. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 135 given in the Rajya Sabha on 3rd March, 2000 and state:

(a) whether the process of assessment of replacement cost of fixed assets of IPCL has been completed;

(b) if so, the estimated replacement cost; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay in assessment of the replacement cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise, in view of (a) above.

(c) The process of assessment of the replacement cost is a part of the ongoing process of disinvestment of 25% equity through strategic sale in Indian Petrochemicals Corporation Limited (IPCL).

Use of banned pesticides

† 3425. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.